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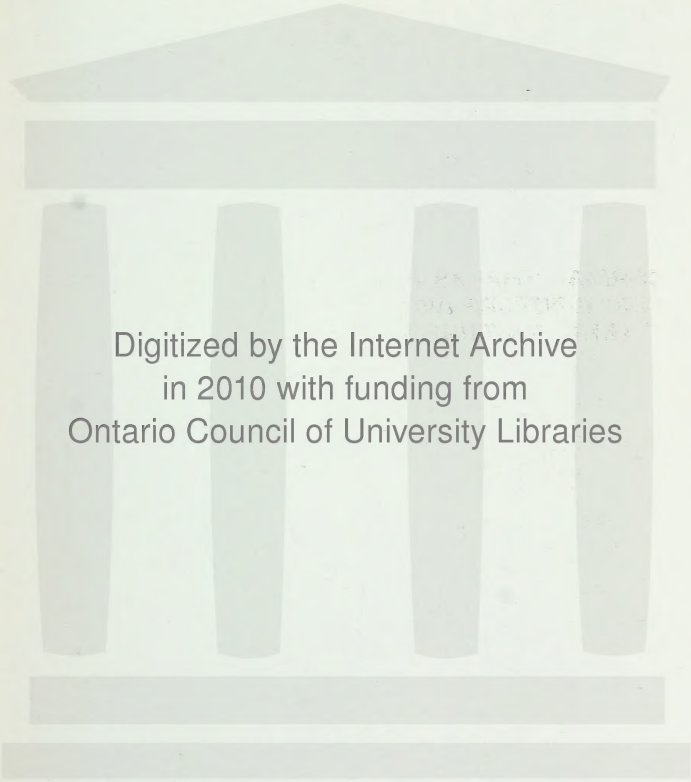

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MARY HIESTER REID

THE subject of this Biographical Note was born in Reading, Pennsylvania, on April 10th, 1854, and died in Toronto, Canada, on October 4th, 1921. Her maiden name was Mary Augusta Hiester, and after her marriage to G. A. Reid of Toronto she adopted the above form of her name for use in connection with her career as an artist.

The Hiester family was of German origin, having emigrated from Silesia to America in 1832. Mrs. Reid's father was Dr. John P. Hiester, of Reading, who, besides being a successful physician, was a naturalist of considerable reputation. Her mother was of the Muhlenberg family, also of German origin. Many of the men of both families were physicians, clergymen and representatives of Congress. The famous physician, Dr. William Muhlenberg, who founded St. Luke's Hospital, New York, was a near relative, and one of her ancestors, George Clymer, was one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence.

Although the New World traditions of Mrs. Reid's various family connections were bound up with the War of Independence and the Republican institutions of the United States, she became an ardent Canadian and an intense believer in the stable and progressive character of British institutions. Her family, though now much scattered, is still numerous in the neighbourhood of the original home near Philadelphia. A sister, her only immediate relative living, is the Mother Superior of a convent of a French order in Santa Cruz, Canary Islands, having become a convert to the Roman

Catholic faith when a young girl. The family on both sides was originally Lutheran in religion, but for many generations back most of the branches have been Anglican.

Mrs. Reid's school days were spent principally in a college town in Wisconsin, and her training as an artist was begun in the School of Design for Women in Philadelphia. Upon deciding that she wished to be a painter, she became a student in the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts where she worked for three years before her marriage to G. A. Reid, then a student at the Academy. Before settling in Toronto she travelled with her husband through England, France, Spain and Italy to study the works of art of the world. This trip was succeeded by others in 1889, 1896, 1902 and 1910. The visit of 1889 was given mostly to study in the studios of Paris throughout that year. In 1896 Mrs. Reid wrote notes of travel through Spain for serial publication in Massey's Magazine, these were illustrated by her husband.

Mrs. Reid was elected a member of the Ontario Society of Artists in 1887 and shortly after was made an associate member of the Royal Canadian Academy. In 1903 she, with her husband, became a member of the Onteora Club, an artistic and literary community in the Catskill Mountains, and their summers were spent in their cottage studio there until 1917. Mrs. Reid was a member of the Toronto Ladies' Club, the Women's Canadian Club, and the Social Service Club.

Her work (as the present exhibition shows) was of very varied character. Beginning as a painter of flowers and still life, she painted landscapes, gardens, interiors, mural decorations and some figure work, her style broadening and maturing as the years, filled with constant work, passed by. She rarely dated her work, and only those who know it intimately can follow this maturing of her style, although the exhibition contains 300 examples, this represents only a part of her life work, many of her paintings not being available for exhibition.

The foregoing is but a brief outline giving such information as seems fitting for the present occasion, but for that appreciation of the personal qualities of charm, sympathy and sincerity which seem necessary, the following quotations from articles written at the time of Mrs. Reid's death, and previously, are reprinted by request of friends, and by permission of the writers.

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In "Saturday Night," Mrs. Appleby wrote:

Every one who knew Mrs. Reid, wife of Mr. George Agnew Reid, must have been deeply moved when the startling news came on Tuesday morning last of the sudden death of this talented artist. Mrs. Reid was so widely known in Toronto's social and artistic circles, and was for many years so charmingly familiar a personality, with her fine dark eyes and mobile face, that it seems incredible she will no longer be seen in drawing-room or gallery, or as gracious and gentle hostess in her own delightful studio. She was of a singularly winning disposition, modest about her own accomplishment, shy without awkwardness of any sort, and profoundly womanly; and she had a tremulous sensibility that was the natural accompaniment of her artist's temperament. Reticent to a high degree where her own beloved painting was concerned, she was generous and cordially appreciative of the work of her fellow artists, and beginners were sure of the "word in season" that is so good and so sustaining to those on the threshold of a career. She was deeply absorbed in her work, never wholly satisfied with what she had done, and always striving after perfection. Perhaps she was reticent about her work because she realized how painful is the way to perfection in one's art and how few there be who find it. Eminently sane, Mrs. Reid adopted none of the freak and hideous methods of ultra-modernists. What she saw in Nature that delighted her she reverenced, and loved, and would have scorned to distort its beauty into the deformity of decadent imagining. She had no startling theories about Art to air, but applied herself with diligence and sincerity to the study and interpretation of Nature in those aspects that appealed most to her. And from what lovely things she derived her inspiration! Glimpses of spring and autumn woodland, moonlit vistas, gorgeously colorful gardens, lovely skies, divinely tinted "ends of evening," and the countless flowers of the fields—all the exquisite things in Nature that hold in thrall the poetic soul, were her sources of endless inspiration. Mrs. Reid did many charming little landscapes, but one remembers, and will remember with lasting pleasure, her flower pieces. She was not only a painter of flowers but their poet; and in the composition of the picture of which they were the main theme, she showed a wonderful felicity of arrangement and facility of execution. Her sense of colour was increasingly fine, and some of the harmonies evolved from her colour-arrangements linger caressingly in

the memory even after many years. One is glad to know that some of her finest work has been bought for the nation by both the Dominion and Provincial Governments, and that these will be the lovely memorial of a woman who was not only an artist, but a self-adopted Canadian who loved Canada, and who did much to develop and keep alive the sense of beauty, and to stimulate public interest in art, in its most engaging forms.

Mrs. Reid was from the beginning an active member of the Ontario Society of Artists, was always in close touch with all the Art Clubs and Societies, and was also a member of the Ladies' Club.

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Writing in The Globe in 1910 of Mrs. Reid's place in the world of art, Miss Marjory MacMurchy said of her personality: "A word picture cannot easily convey any idea of the attractiveness of the artist's personality. Yet it must be attempted, since the camera cannot portray the eager, gracious look, the soft colouring, the gentle grace of this lady of the brush and palette. Rising from her corner in the studio to greet her friends, the artist was in perfect harmony with her work. Nothing can tempt her to talk about her pictures. If Canadian art has reticence and patience and shows the beauty of nature idealized, it is because these qualities are found in the work of such Canadian painters as Mrs. Reid."

Catalogue

Paintings of Flowers and Still Life:

1. Daisies and Wild Carrot
   Lent by D. Newton Galbraith Esq., Hamilton
2. Carnations in Glass Vase
   Lent by D. Newton Galbraith Esq., Hamilton
3. Peaches
   Lent by D. Newton Galbraith Esq., Hamilton
4. Pink and Yellow Roses
   Lent by D. Newton Galbraith Esq., Hamilton
5. Roses in Roman Bowl
   Lent by D. Newton Galbraith Esq., Hamilton
6. Wild Azalias
   Lent by D. Newton Galbraith Esq., Hamilton
7. Roses
   Lent by D. Newton Galbraith Esq., Hamilton
8. Roses in White Ginger Jar
   Lent by D. Newton Galbraith Esq., Hamilton
9. Roses in Green Ginger Jar
   Lent by Seneca Jones Esq., Hamilton
10. Roses in Blue Vase
    Lent by Seneca Jones Esq., Hamilton
11. Roses
    Lent by Seneca Jones Esq., Hamilton
12. Chrysanthemums
    Lent by Seneca Jones Esq., Hamilton
13. Roses in Copper Pot
    Lent by D. Howell Esq., Norval
14. Daisies in Blue Bowl
    Lent by Mrs. M. L. Fairbairn, Clarkson
15. Field Daisies
    Lent by Miss M. Wrinch, Toronto
16. Rosebuds
    Lent by Mrs. T. H. Barton, Toronto
17. Roses in Brass Vase
    Lent by Major H. C. MacLean, Toronto

18. Roses in Glass Vase
Lent by Mrs. S. R. Hanna, Toronto

19. Yellow Roses
Lent by Annesley Hall, Toronto

20. Roses in White Ginger Jar
Lent by S. F. Morey Esq., Toronto

21. Roses in Brown Jug
Lent by Newton MacTavish Esq., Toronto

22. Pansies in Green Ginger Jar
Lent by J. B. Holden Esq., Toronto

23. Nasturtiums in Gray Bowl
Lent by H. E. Stinson Esq., Toronto

24. Pansies in Green and Brown Vase
Lent by A. E. Rae Esq., Toronto

25. The Ming Horseman
Lent by Mrs. Geo. Dickson, Toronto

26. Red Roses
Lent by R. J. Tackaberry Esq., Toronto

27. Pansies
Lent by Mrs. Agar Adamson, Port Credit

28. Red Poppies
Lent by N. A. Sinclair Esq., Toronto

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Lent by C. H. Bishop Esq., Toronto

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Lent by Mrs. E. F. Ely, Toronto

31. Daisies
Lent by Prof. Currelly, Toronto

32. Pansies
Lent by T. A. Reid Esq., Hamilton

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Lent by Miss Wrinch, Toronto

34. Past and Present
Lent by the Art Gallery of Toronto

35. Red and Green
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36. Roses in Spanish Jug
Lent by D. S. Mcorquodale Esq., Toronto

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Lent by Mrs. Wellington Findlay, Fordwich
38. Roses
Lent by Mrs. John Halpenny, Wingham
39. Yellow Daisies
Lent by Miss Ella Smith, East Orange, N.J.
40. Green and Yellow
Lent by Mrs. George Robertson, Wingham
41. Pansies
Lent by A. J. Boughton Esq., Toronto
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Lent by Miss Coleman, Toronto
43. Marigolds
Lent by Mrs. E. T. Owen, Toronto
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Lent by Miss Hagarty, Toronto
45. Lady Slippers
Lent by Miss Reesor, Hamilton
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51. Chrysanthemums in Brass Bowl
52. Chrysanthemums—a Japanese Arrangement
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75. Cactus Dahlias
76. Study for Rose Panel

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78. The Garden of Content, Onteora 1907
    Lent by Mrs. C. H. Russell, New York
79. A Garden at Onteora
    Lent by Miss Miriam Bodwell, New York
80. A Poppy Garden
    Lent by the Department of Education, Ontario
81. The Edge of the Iris Garden
    Lent by G. A. Howell Esq., Toronto
82. The Terrace
    Lent by G. T. Clarkson Esq., Toronto
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    Lent by Miss Kingwood, Toronto
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86. The Garden Screen
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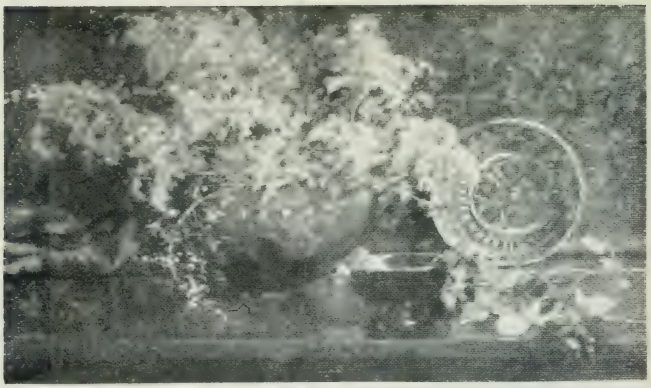

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Lent by Miss Margaret Knox, New York
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96. Hollyhocks
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